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SUBJECT: AMCIT CHARLES M. DEAN

REF: A) STATE 282267

B) VIENTIANE 9272

1. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING DEAN/SHARMAN INCIDENT, CONTINUES TO TRICKLE IN FROM USAID FIELD SOURCES. AID REPRESENTATIVE AT THAKHEK REPORTS THAT BOATMAN REFERRED TO PARA 4 REFTEL B IS NAI LITH WHO FOR PAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN TRAVELING RIVER BETWEEN PAK KADING AND THAKHEK CARRYING PASSENGERS AND CARGO. LITH ALLEGEDLY WAS CONTACTED BY TWO FOREIGNERS ON SEPTEMBER 5 FOR A RIDE FROM PAK KADING TO THAKHEK. BOAT AND PASSENGERS DEPARTED PAK KADING AND STOPPED AT PATHET LAO CHECK POINT A SHORT DISTANCE SOUTH, WHERE PASSENGERS WERE

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SEARCHED BUT PERMITTED TO CONTINUE THEIR TRAVELS WITH PL

GUARD TO NEXT CHECK POINT AT HIN BOUN. AT HIN BOUN PAS-
SENGERS WERE REQUESTED TO GIVE THEIR CAMERAS TO PL; THEY
REFUSED AND WERE TAKEN TO HIGHER PL HEADQUARTERS FOR
FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

2. WE BELIEVE FOREGOING ACCOUNT IS CORRECT SINCE OTHER
ACCOUNTS ARE SIMILAR BUT WILL CONFIRM IT WITH BOATMAN
WHEN HE FINALLY ARRIVES IN VIENTIANE. FAR OFFICERS WHO
WERE AWAITING BOATMAN'S ARRIVAL AT PAKSANE HAVE NOT YET
REPORTED IN, BUT WE HOPE FOR EARLY DIRECT CONTACT WITH
BOATMAN.

3. ASSUMING BOATMAN SUBSTANTIATES DATA DEVELOPED SO
FAR, WE WILL PROVIDE FACTUAL SUMMARY OF EVENTS --
PROBABLY INCLUDING DEPOSITION FROM BOATMAN -- TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND PL REPRESENTATIVE AND AGAIN URGE DEAN/
SHARMAN RELEASE.

4. PLEASE PASS FOREGOING TO HOWARD DEAN.
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